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U. S. CONGRESS.—In the Senate of the United States, yesterday, Mr. Sumner reported a bill to aid in part the enforcement of the proclamation of Emancipation. The bill to allow Secretary Chase to sell the surplus gold in the Treasury was taken up, and made the special order for to-day. The bill to equalize the pay of soldiers came up in order, and the amendment of Mr. Davis being rejected, the bill was passed.

In the House of Representatives, the bill giving to each of the surviving revolutionary pensioners, twelve in number, a hundred dollars in addition to their present pensions, was taken up and passed. A bill was reported granting pensions to the surviving soldiers of the war of 1812. A bill was reported for the construction of a ship canal from the northern lakes to the Mississippi River. The consideration of the Legislative, Judicial and Executive Appropriation bill was resumed, but after being amended was postponed until to-day.

The Cincinnati Gazette's Cairo dispatch says "passengers by the steamer Sultana report that Sherman's expedition penetrated thirty-five miles beyond Meridian, destroyed all the railroads in that country, 32 locomotives, and a large number of cars. There was no more fighting after leaving Canton, where Lieutenant Adams' Confederate cavalry was encountered. Sherman's loss in killed, wounded, and missing, was about 500. A large number of plantations were destroyed."

The N. York World says:—"There is a dangerous and revolutionary feeling growing up at the West, consequent upon the frequent mobbing of Democratic newspaper offices by men in the uniform of soldiers. We hear of no such occurrences at the East, where the soldiers have behaved with marked decorum; but there cannot have been less than eight newspaper offices gutted recently at the West by men in uniform. The destruction of the Dayton (Ohio) Empire was a most outrageous case."

Gen. Fry, provost marshal general, of the U. S. has issued orders, under the amendments to the conscription law, for the enrollment of all the slaves in Maryland between the ages of eighteen and forty-five years, as well as in the other border States. All minors who have attained to the age of twenty years since the last enrollment are also to be enrolled, and those who have since that time reached the age of forty-five years may obtain exemption upon proper representations. The work of enrollment will be commenced as soon as the officers are appointed.

Rumor in inside political circles assigns to Gen. Halleck a practically higher rank than that he will vacate—that of acting assistant adjutant general to the commander-in-chief of the United States, Abraham Lincoln.

Letter from S. P. Chase.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—In reply to a friendly letter from you, I wrote you briefly, not long ago, about the wishes expressed by many that my name might be favorably regarded by the people in their next choice of President, and closed by saying that should our friends in Ohio manifest a preference for another, I should accept their decision with a ready acquiescence due from one who has been already trusted and honored by them beyond his merit and expectation. The recent action of the Union members of our Legislature indicates such a preference. It becomes my duty therefore, and I count it more a privilege than a duty to ask that no further consideration be given to my name. It was never more important than now that all our energies should be devoted to the suppression of the rebellion, and the restoration of order and prosperity on the solid and sure foundations of Union, freedom and impartial justice; and I earnestly urge all with whom my councils may have weight, to allow nothing to divide them while the great work, in comparison with which persons and even parties are nothing, remains unaccomplished. Cordially, your friend,

HON. JAMES C. HALL, S. P. CHASE.
Senate Chamber, Columbus, Ohio.

NEGRO RECRUITING IN MARYLAND.—The Baltimore American says:

"To-day Lieut. Col. Perkins is marching with a large detachment of the 19th United States negro troops, from Benedict towards Baltimore with rations for twenty days canvassing to the right and left through the Western shore, piping up the road, lighting up the hill-tops with his campfires, permeating the byways with his detachments, and calling upon everybody to turn over their able-bodied slaves to the Federal Government, in all that section of country, upon the terms prescribed by act of Congress and act of the Legislature of Maryland."

"At the same time a similar detachment marches up the Baltimore and York turnpike another up the Reisterstown turnpike; another over towards the Delaware line; while recruiting stations at Ellicott's Mills, Frederick City, Hagerstown, Cumberland; and a dozen other places, are sending down recruits in squads which must soon fill up several regiments."

The United States Government has recently confiscated the property of the following persons, situated at Superior, Wisconsin: R. M. T. Hunter, R. Ould, Wm. Aiken, Sam'l Magoffin W. W. Boyce, John McQueen, W. W. Corcoran and S. M. Flournoy.

The New York Express says that there are only ten "Democratic" members of the House of Representatives left who still believe in the vitality of slavery; and the Evening Post says these are probably Messrs. Fernando and Ben. Wood, Cox, Vorhees, Harris, Ancona, Chanler Pendleton, Dawson and Randall.

In London, lately, five men were hung for the crime of murder, or rather a series of murders committed on board a merchant ship, called the Flowery Land upon the high seas.

A man named George B. Fowle passing himself off as a Major upon the staff of Gen. McClellan, has been arrested in Washington, reprimanded and dismissed, upon promising not to appear again in a U. S. uniform without authority.

A PICTURE.—The National Intelligencer quotes from the Nashville Union an article on the presence in Tennessee of an intrusive and meddlesome population who have recently entered the State in the train of the Federal armies, and who, while doing a thriving business as sutlers, commercial agents, army contractors, &c., are also prompt to claim a monopoly of all the "loyalty" that is found or to be found in Tennessee. As these disinterested and self sacrificing patriots have their congeners in other parts of the country, the Intelligencer give this description of that class which has its habitat in Tennessee, as described by the Nashville paper. It says:

"There is a rising party—or a party which is endeavoring to rise, and which will rise of noise and impertinence can work elevation—to which we would fain believe the Government intends to give no encouragement. It is composed of meddlesome adventurers, who have no country of their own, except Bedlam, and are forever ranting about the extermination of our people, and the colonization of the country with persons like themselves. They are doubtless sincere in all they say, and would prefer that the government should pursue such a policy as they may indicate. To the minds of these zealous persons, the Government has been exceedingly remiss in the matter of confiscation. They would like, no doubt, to see the absolute alienation of real estate, and that conducted in a manner so rapid that each of them could buy a farm for little more than a fair per diem to the auctioneer who sells it. When the military authorities have dispensed with the use of such houses as are now found needful in the city of Nashville, nothing would better please the pluperfect zealots than to have them put up at auction to be sold only to such bidders as would take an oath of their prescription.—They would see to it that the oath had something in it which no honest man could swallow, and thus exclude all bidders but themselves."

We hear that during the excitement, yesterday, caused by the bell ringing, several accidents occurred from the running away of horses, &c.

Jeremiah Hendricks, convicted of the murder of Dennis Shanahan, and Emanuel Pollard, the negro man convicted of the murder of George Pollard, are now in jail under sentence to be hung on Friday, the first day of April, in Washington city.

An accident occurred on the Toledo (Ohio) railroad yesterday, by which two hands belonging to the train and a child were killed.—An elevator in the vicinity caught fire, and a hundred and fifty dollars worth of grain was burned, as was also the express matter and baggage on the train.

Waldron, sixty miles south of Fort Smith, Arkansas, recently one of the Federal advanced posts, was burned a few nights ago by guerillas. The steamer Leon, laden with U. S. commissary stores, was sunk in the Arkansas river above Little Rock on the 6th.

It is reported that General Price has returned from Mexico, where he went to visit his family, and now commands the Department of Arkansas.

Gold in New York yesterday 165½.